

**PUBLIC NOTICE: MEETING OF THE SUMTER COUNTY CANVASSING BOARD
AND CANVASSING OF THE ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR THE
MARCH 15, 2016 PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY ELECTION**

This NOTICE is in accordance with 101.5612(2), Florida Statutes

The Sumter County Canvassing Board will convene at the office of the Supervisor of Elections, 900 North Main Street., Bushnell, FL at 9:00 a.m. Friday, February 26, 2016 to conduct a Logic and Accuracy Test of the early voting and March 15, 2016 Presidential Preference Primary Election ballot tabulating equipment to be used in Sumter County. In accordance with the Sunshine Law of Florida, this meeting is open to the public.

This NOTICE is in accordance with 102.141, Florida Statutes

The Sumter County Canvassing Board will reconvene on Wednesday March 9, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. for the purpose of canvassing absentee ballots and performing a pre-test on the tabulation equipment. Sealed absentee ballots for the Presidential Preference Primary Election will be available for public inspection from 9:00 a.m. until 9:15 a.m. at the office of the Supervisor of Elections. Immediately afterwards, those absentee ballots will be opened and processed.

Any absentee ballots received after Wednesday March 9, 2016 will be canvassed by the Canvassing Board (if needed) as follows: Thursday, March 10, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. Public inspection from 9:00 a.m. until 9:15 a.m., Friday March 11, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. Public inspection from 9:00 a.m. until 9:15 a.m., Monday March 14, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. Public inspection from 9:00 a.m. until 9:15 a.m. and Tuesday March 15, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. Public inspection from 10:00 a.m. until 10:15 a.m. and a public inspection from 6:00 p.m. until 6:15 p.m. The Sumter County Canvassing Board will remain in session until the results of the election are obtained.

Pursuant to Section 101.68(2), Florida Statutes, if any elector or candidate present believes that an absentee ballot is illegal due to a defect apparent on the voter's certificate or the absentee ballot affidavit, he or she may, at any time before the ballot is removed from the envelope, file with the canvassing board a protest against the canvass of that ballot, specifying the precinct, the ballot, and the reason he or she believes the ballot to be illegal. A challenged based upon a defect in the voter's certificate or the absentee ballot affidavit may not be accepted after the ballot has been removed from the mailing envelope.

The Sumter County Canvassing Board will reconvene at 9:00 a.m. on Friday March 18, 2016 to canvass provisional ballots. The Sumter County Canvassing Board will reconvene on Friday March 25, 2016 to canvass any overseas ballots. If it becomes necessary for the Sumter County Canvassing Board to reconvene due to a re-count, the time and date will be posted at the office of the Supervisor of Elections as well as online at www.sumterelections.org and announced at the conclusion of the meeting on March 25, 2016. Also, if necessary the canvassing board will meet on Sunday March 27, 2016 to certify the final results of the Presidential Preference Primary Election.

In accordance with the Sunshine Law of Florida, this meeting is open to the public.

NOTE: Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, states that if any person decides to appeal any decision by a board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at a meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Persons with disabilities requiring reasonable accommodations to participate in this proceeding/event should call 352-569-1540, Fax 352-569-1541.

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